

*Grover*  
*Whitfield*  
*Tom Bass*

*Johnson*  
*of Harris*

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section, Section 63, to Article III; authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for the accomplishment of governmental functions within any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants by the consolidation of the functions of government or by contract between any political subdivision(s) located within the county and any other political subdivision(s) located within the county or with the county; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which time the ballot shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants to consolidate the functions of government and for such counties or any political subdivision located therein to contract for the performance of functions of government.

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants to consolidate the functions of government and for such counties or any political subdivision located therein to contract for the performance of functions of government."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

FORM A

(For favorable and unfavorable reports on bills and resolutions, where no committee amendments are recommended.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date 4-20-65

HON. BEN BARNES

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 69, have had the same under consideration

and beg to report back with recommendation that it do  
~~do not~~ pass, and be Allen printed

Chairman.

(When this form is used for a favorable report on a general bill the words "do not" are marked out. If the bill is a local bill the word "not" should be inserted before the word "printed." When used for an unfavorable report the word "do" is marked out, the comma after "pass" is changed to a period, and the remaining words also marked out.

When this form is used for a simple or concurrent resolution the comma after "pass" should be a period and the remaining words stricken out because resolutions are printed in the Journal when first introduced.)

By: Grover, et al

H. J. R. No. 69

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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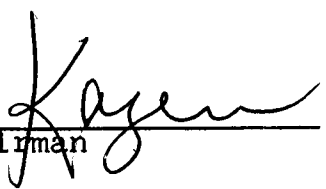
Austin, Texas

May 19, 1965

Hon. Preston Smith  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments,  
to which was referred HJR B. No. 69, have had the same under  
consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the  
Senate with the recommendation that it do \_\_\_\_\_  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ printed.

  
Chairman

C.A.S.

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Lieutenant Governor  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that H. J. R. No. 69 was adopted by the House on May 4, 1965, by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 20.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H. J. R. No. 69 was passed by the Senate on May 29, 1965, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

6-18-65

Date

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Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
8:45 P. M. O'CLOCK

JUN 20 1965

*Crawford C. Martin*  
Secretary of State

APR 27 1965

Postponed to 5-4-65,  
at 11:00 a.m.

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAY 4 1965

READ SECOND

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AND

ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ ENGROSSED \_\_\_\_\_

*finally adopted by  
vote of 112 ayes, 20 noes*

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAY 4 1965

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY  
WHICH *H.R. 69* WAS ADOPTED / ~~REMOVED~~ AND TO TABLE THE MOTION. RECON-  
SIDER PREVAILED ~~BY A~~ *non-record vote*

*Dorothy Hallman*  
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4 1965 SENT TO ENGROSSING CLERK

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By *Grover*

*et al*

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FILED MAR 9 1965

MAR 10 1965

READ 1st TIME

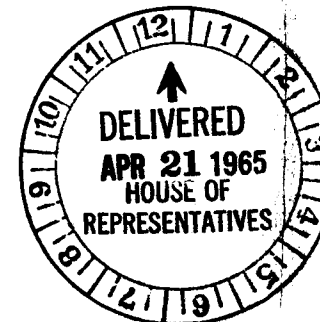
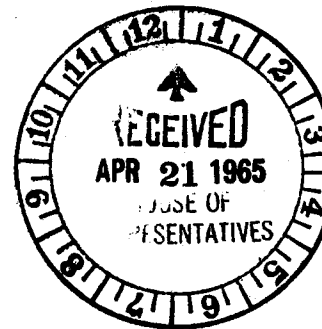
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

*Constitutional Amendments*

APR 20 1965

REPORTED FAVORABLY

~~SENT TO PRINTER~~



APR 21 1965

RETURNED FROM PRINTER. SENT TO SPEAKER

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3- 9-65 Filed.  
3-10-65 Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.  
4-20-65 Reported favorably, sent to printer.  
4-21-65 Returned from printer, sent to Speaker.  
5- 4-65 Read second time, and ordered engrossed and adopted by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 20.

Dorothy Hallman  
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

5- 4-65 Sent to Engrossing Clerk.  
5- 4-65 Engrossed.

Anna Luzzini  
Engrossing Clerk, H. of R.

**MAY 5 - 1965**  
**IN THE SENATE**

Received from  
the House.

**MAY 5 1965** RETURNED FROM ENGROSSING CLERK  
**MAY 5 1965** SENT TO THE SENATE

**MAY 5 - 1965**

Read first time  
and referred to Committee  
on Constitutional Amendments

**MAY 19 1965**

Reported Favorably.

**MAY 29 1965**

Regular order of business sus-  
pended by unanimous consent to  
permit consideration.

**READ SECOND TIME**

**MAY 29 1965**

AND PASSED TO THIRD READING.

**MAY 29 1965**  
Senate Rule 32 and  
Constitutional Rule (Sec. 32, Art. III)  
suspended by a vote of 29 yeas,  
0 nays, to place bill on third  
reading and final passage.

**MAY 29 1965**

**READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED**  
**BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Yeas 29 Nays 0

Charles Schnabel  
Secretary of the Senate

**MAY 29 1965**

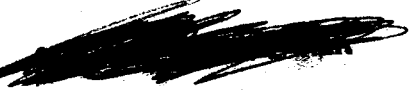
SENT TO HOUSE

MAY 29 1965

RETURNED FROM SENATE

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

~~MAY 29 1965~~ 

MAY 29 1965 SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK